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Naples, Dec. 8.

THree Tartanes, in which are part of the German Regiment, commanded by Colonel *Urbino* and designed for the Service of *Milan*, having by bad Weather been separated from the rest, are still at *Gaeta*, and our Viceroy has sent an Officer thither, to see they be provided with necessaries. The other Troops, as well Foot as Horse, that are to be sent for *Milan*, are ready to Embark as soon as the Vessels that are to transport them arrive from *Genoua*. The *Banditi* do very much infest this Kingdom; a Party of them having some time since taken several Prisoners, and being pursued, retired into a Tower, (the place of their usual Retreat) where they were Besieged, and two Days since, we received an Account, that they have at last been taken. Part of the Bagage of the Marquis *de Liche*, our new Viceroy, is arrived, and the rest is expected in few days; and our Letters from *Rome* tell us, That he himself will be here very suddenly.

Milan, Dec. 16. On Monday last parted from hence our Governor the Count *de Melgar*, for *Cremona*, to view the Fortifications of that Town and Cittadel, Monsieur *de Louvigny*, our *Maistre de Camp* General, being gone thither the day before for the same purpose. All the considerable Towns in this State are fortifying, and several Magazines are providing. The Companies of the German Regiment which came from *Naples* are put into Quarters, and the rest that are still behind, having been separated in bad Weather, are daily expected. We are likewise expecting other Troops from *Naples* and *Sicily*, and supplies of Money from *Spain*. It is reported, That the French will have an Army on this side in the Spring.

Venice, Dec. 19. Prince *Alexander* of *Parma* has not yet been here to take Possession of his Command of General of the Foot of this State, but is daily expected; when he arrives a Council will be held, to order several matters concerning the Forces of the Republick, which some believe will be encreased. We are informed, That great endeavours are using to dispose the Princes of *Italy* to enter into a common Engagement and Alliance for their mutual Defence and Security, and that the Pope does very much promote it, especially since the conclusion of the League between the Crown of *France* and the Duke of *Savoy*. The Count *de Martinitz*, the Imperial Envoy, is arrived at *Rome*, and very well received there, the Pope being resolved to give the Emperor all the assistance he can against the Turks and the Hungarians. The Letters we receive from *Turkey* do only repeat what our former Letters told us of the departure of the Grand-Signior and the Grand-Vizier from *Constantinople*, and of the certainty there seems to be of a War against *Hungary*.

Vienna, Dec. 20. The Letters we now receive from *Hungary* do hardly speak of any thing but the preparations of the Turks, which they assure us are very extraordinary: Some give an account of the arrival of the Grand-Vizier at *Greiks-Weissenburg*, but with no certainty, so that it will need a confirmation. Count *Teckeley* has had, since his Troops were in their Winter-Quarters, several Conferences with the Bassa of *Offen*, and Expresses have been sent by them to the Grand Vizier, but the occasion we know not. The Turks have encreased the Garison of *Neuhausel* to 9000 Men, and have in like manner reinforced the Garisons of other their Frontier places; and while they are thus providing for the War, we are not wanting to do the like on this side. The Commissions for the new Levies of Horse and Foot, which we mentioned in our last, are given out; and all possible care is taken to put this City into a posture of Defence, for that it is believed the Turks will march directly hither, and besiege us; and for our greater security it's said a Body of 20 or 25000 Men will be Posted as a Reserve near this place, while the main Army advances into *Hungary*. The Courier that arrived here from *Francfort* is sent back with Orders to the Imperial Ambassadors to leave the place, and return hither. The Marquis *de Seppeville*, the French Envoy, makes great Protestations to the Ministers of this Court, of the King his Master's sincere desire to establish a firm and lasting Peace with the Emperor and the Empire, and as we are told, does offer the Emperor, after the conclusion of it, the assistance of all his Masters Forces against the Turks.

Francfort, Dec. 29. The Deputies of the Empire are now all of them leaving this place; and the Emperor's Ambassadors have received Orders to do the like. The States of *Suabia* are assembled at *Ulme*, and we are informed that Monsieur *de Bourgeanville*, Envoy from *France*, is gone thither to endeavour to perswade them to accept the Proposals which the French Ambassadors made here. The Electoral Colledge at *Ratisbonne* have resolved, That his Imperial Majesty be earnestly desired that a Negotiation may with all possible speed be begun with Monsieur *Verjus*, in order to the composing the present differences between the Empire and the Crown of *France*.

Dresden, Dec. 26. The Count *de Lamberg*, the Emperor's Envoy, having acquainted the Elector of *Saxony* with his Imperial Majesties desire to meet the Electors and other Princes of the Empire at *Ratisbonne*, to consult with them in this dangerous conjuncture concerning the provision it is necessary to make for their common Security, has, it's said, been answered, *That his Electoral Highness will always be ready to do his part for the Safety and Defence of the Empire, and will attend his Imperial Majesty at* Ratisbonne, *if nothing extraordinary prevent him.* The Count *de Lamberg* is gone from hence